

HOUSE BILL 2222  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 16; Title 4, Chapter 51 and Title 33, relative to compulsive gambling. This act makes appropriations for compulsive gambling education and treatment for an indefinite period of time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1603, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c)

(1) No later than September 1, 2005, the department of mental health and developmental disability shall develop and implement an educational and treatment program for compulsive gambling disorder. Such program shall be developed and implemented within the resources available in the compulsive gambling special account created pursuant to Section 3 of this act.

(2) No later than February 1 of each year, the department shall report on the implementation and effectiveness of the program developed pursuant to subdivision (1) to the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives, the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate and the select committee on the Tennessee education lottery corporation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-115(g), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(4) Any lottery retailer seeking annual renewal of their retailer contract shall submit to the corporation a fifty dollar (\$50.00) renewal fee per business location.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, such annual renewal fee shall be

deposited in the compulsive gambling special account created in accordance with Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 51, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 4-51-134.

(a) There is created a special account in the state treasury to be known as the "compulsive gambling special account". In accordance with § 4-51-115(g)(4), all annual renewal fees for lottery retailer contracts received by the corporation shall be deposited in the compulsive gambling special account.

(b) Monies in the compulsive gambling special account may be appropriated by the general assembly from such account pursuant to subsection (c).

(c) Monies in the compulsive gambling special account shall be used exclusively for compulsive gambling education and treatment programs established in accordance with § 4-3-1603(c). The general assembly shall appropriate from the compulsive gambling special account by specific reference to it, or by reference to the "compulsive gambling account". Such appropriations shall otherwise be made in the manner required by law for appropriations.

(d) Any reserve balance remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal year in the compulsive gambling special account shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, interest accruing on investments and deposits of the compulsive gambling special account shall be credited to such account, shall not revert to the general fund and shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

(f) Monies in the compulsive gambling special account shall be invested by the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of § 9-4-603.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

